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bourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally :- BEAN & BLACK, San Fran-

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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INTEREST ALLOWED. N Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily

For Fixed Deposits :-For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. ,, ,,

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Oredits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON,

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Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS. (Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

DECOGNISED by the International CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP......£3,200,000. RESERVE FUND...... £800,000.

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THE UNION BANK OF LONDON. The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

> E. G. VOUILLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL£1,500,000. TATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

At '8 months' notice 3% per Annum.

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application. GEO. O. BCOLT.

Acting Manager. Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS-TRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. HENDY & Co., 4, Old Josepy, E.C. RESERVE FUND,£150,000. Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG | CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS. grants Drafts on London and the VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES. Chief Commercial places in Europe and the STATUETTES. East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS. For: 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. ,, 6 , 4 per cent. ,, 5 per cent,

MERCANTILE BANK CHARTERED OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS :-For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. ,, ,, 2 per cent. ,,

H. H. NELSON, Manager, Hongkong, May 81, 1879.

NTATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863 SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£933,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL£465,250.

RESERVE FUND...... £20,000. HEAD OFFICE: -39A, THEEADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:-NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND. NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted. INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the

daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum. R. H. SANDEMAN,

Manager. Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Intimations.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

N and after the 27th Instant (8A- CHAMBERTIN. TURDAY). the Business of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION will be Carried on at No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, Central, the Premises lately occupied by the AGRA BANK.

GEO. O. SCOTT. Manager. Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

WANTED.

THE CHINESE REPOSITORY. 1832-51, complete. The Chinese and Japanese Repository, 1868-

Notes and Queries on China and Japan, 1867-70, 4 vols.

The China Review, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, Vols I. and II. Transactions of the China Branch of the R. A. Society, Hongkong, 1848-59, 6

Journal of the N. O. Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, from 1858 to 1878 (also Vol. I., containing Journal of the Shanghai Literary and Scientific

Society). Answer to "H.J.H.T.," China Mail-Office. Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

R. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS .-No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD. Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE undermentioned Banks will close TO-MORROW and FRIDAY; the 25th and 26th instant, and THURSDAY the 1st January, being public holidays. For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager. For the "Chartered Bank of India, Aus-

tralia and China," E. G. MOBERLY, Acting Manager. For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SCHWEBLIN, Acting Agent. For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. For the "National Bank of India, L'ted., R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager. Hongkong, Dec. 24, 1879,

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

TTAVE Just RECEIVED their Usual Assortment of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, Comprising:-GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES. | LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING

JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CA-BINETS. PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS. VELVET WORK BAGS. WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy

CASES. LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING

BAGS. Handsome Presentation INKSTANDS. CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES. Handsomely Painted FLOWER VASES. NOVELTIES in Electro-plated Ware, suitable for Presents.

Handsomely Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, Comprising:-PICTURE GALLEY OF MODERN ART. SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED.

WOODLAND ROMANCE. THE BIRD, BY JULES. MICHELET. - THE INSECT, BY JULES MICHELET. THE BIED WORLD. THE EPIC OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and GIRLS. CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties. Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS.

Della' PORTMANTEAUX, completely fitted. SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS. MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety. Dolls' PERAMBULATORS. PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS. HORSES and CARTS, WHEEL-BARROWS. DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, Comprising:-HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL. INCOGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUD-DINGS.

FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCA-Crystallized CHOCOLATE BONBONS. CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Pre-FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES. FRUITS in Noyeau. JUJUBES.

| GALANTINES of GAME. RUSSIA OX TONGUES. Spiced OX TONGUES. MINCEMEAT. STILTON CHEESE. Presentation BOXES of BONBONS. The NEW OPERA GLASSES. CHRISTMAS TREE, CANDLES and ORNAMENTS. CHOICE OLD PORT. After Dinner SHERRY.

Chateau Latour Blanche.

Chateau Yquem.

SHERRIES.

Hochhelmer.

dro., dro., dro.

AMONTILLADO.

BELLES of the SEASON, &c., &c., &c.

PAINT BOXES.

SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS. CHAMPAGNES, LIQUEURS, &c., &c. BARCELONA ALMONDS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879.

ED. CHASTEL_& Co., WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

MARINE HOUSE, 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, DEG to call attention to their NEW STOCK of WINES, SPIRITS & LIQUEURS. D recently Imported ex Late Arrivals, of the very Highest Class and most Popular

Brands. Consisting of :-WHITE WINES. OLARETS. St. Emilion. Sauternes. Graves.

Margaux. Chateau Palmer. Pontet-Canet. Chateau Léoville. Chateau Larose.

Chateau Rich elleu. Chateau Lafite. BURGUNDIES.

BEAUNE. POMMARD.

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VINO DE PASTO. FINE OLD PORT WINES.

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B. & E. PERRIER. JAS. HENNESSY'S *, *** and CUTLER PALMER'S **, *** BRANDIES. Fine Old GLENLIVET SCOTCH WHISKY. KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

Fine Old BOURDON WHISKY. SWAINE & BOORD'S OLD TOM GIN. JOHN DE KUYPER'S HOLLAND GENEVA MACKENZIE BROTHERS' PURE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY (Dalmore Distillery) a specially selected Blend of 10 years OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

LIQUEURS. CHARTREUSE, CURACAO, ANISETTE, CREME DE VANILLE, CREME DE MORA,

ED. CHASTEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

For Sale.

J. NOBLE, JEWELLER & WATCHMAKER, HAS just RECEIVED a FINE

SELECTION of COLD and SILVER JEWELLERY, in the Newest Designs. MORDAN'S GOLD and SILVER PEN and

PENCIL CASES, SILVER OUPS, And many NOVELTIES, Suitable for Christmas and New Year's Presents. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Shipping.

Hongkong, December 16, 1879.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW The Steamship " DOUGLAS." Capt. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th Inst., at Day-

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIR DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship

Command. DE LA MARCELLE, WILL be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French-Mail from Europe. G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "PEIHO," "PEIHO,"
Commandant Pasqualing, will be despatched for SHANGHA shortly after her arrival from Europe. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Hongkong, December 17, 1870,

shipping.

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Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYD-NEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers

for New Zealand.) The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET" will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, December 12, 1879.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship "BRECONSHIRE," STURBOOK, Commander, expected here on or about the 26th Inst., will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 19, 1879.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.) The Spanish Steamer "CHURRUCA," Captain ABAROA, shortly exdespatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT). The Steamship " ROMULUS," Capt. WATT, will have immediate despatch for the above

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE & LONDON VIA The Steamship "MERIONETHSHIRE," RICKARD, Commander, ex-

pected here in about a fortnight, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports. For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.) The Company's Steamship " MENELAUS,"

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

Captain E. BILLINGS, will be despatched on or about the let January, 1880. For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship Captain C. JACKBON, will be despatched on or about the 7th January, 1860. -For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK FIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship "FLEURS CASTLE," KIDDER, Commander, exnight, will have immediate despatch for the

above Port. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, December 11, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "WINLOW," BARKER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Bark "GARTMORN,"
ELLWOOD, Master, will load here and at Whampon for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1870,

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "CHINAMAN." MACKENZIE, Master, will load here and at Whampos for the

above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "ELIZABETH CHILDS," LINDBERGH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 German Bark "PALMA," BINGE, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above

Port, and will-have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOCEL & Co. Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship "PRINCE FREDERICK." CLAGUE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

> FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 German Bark "AUGUST," Rüs, Master, will lead here

for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch. For Fright, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Schooner DOANE, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 20, 1879. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 German Bark "HIERONYMUS,"
IPLAND, Master, will load here
and at Whampoa for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 Danish Bark "FLENSBORG." JACOBSEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and

will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOUEL & Co.

Hongkong, November 10, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "CITY OF BOSTON," CROSBY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched on or about 20th De-

cember. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, November 3, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "CLARO BABUYAN," Polson, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, November 3, 1879. Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION,

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs Annhold. KARBERG & Co., to sell by Public Augtion (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

THURSDAY, the 8th of January, 1880, at 2 p.m., on

Board-The GERMAN BRIG "CARL" of 225 Registered Tons, as she now lies at archor off Yow-mah-tee, with all her MASTS, SAILS, and INVENTORY, complete, For further Particulars, apply to Messra

Arnhold, Karberg & Co.; or, to the Auctioneer. TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. F. RAPP

Auctionser.

Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1879.

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., DEG to call attention to the following New Supply of STORES, which

they have Received "GORDON CASTLE," And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 6-lb. and 6.1b. each. CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS. Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.

Pure Scotch CANDIES. DRAGEES. ALMONDS. Fancy CHOCOLATES. MASSON'S CHÔCOLATE CREAMS. NOUGATINES. Crystalized METZ FRUITS.

New Designs in COSAQUES. "CETEWAYO'S HAT BOX." "MARQUERETE'S JEWEL CASKET."

"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX." "EDWIN and ANGELINA."

SMYRNA FIGS. Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS. JORDAN ALMONDS. BRAZIL NUTS. PECAN NUTS. HICKORY NUTS. Cooking and Table PRUNES. Pudding RAISINS and OURRANTS. Candied PEEL MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins. VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA. CARRAWAY SEEDS. SCHWEITZER'S COCCATINA.

American CREAM CHEESE. SAP SAGE CHEESE. LIMBURG CHEESE. PINE APPLE CHEESE. ... HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE. WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and TRUFFLED SAUSAGÉS.

GAME PIES. Potted MEATS. Prime Yorkshire HAMS. Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvas. Pickled OX-TONGUES. OX-TONGUES in JELLY.

TRUFFLES. CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER. CUTTING'S Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS. CALIFORNIA CRACKEE Co.'s GINGER

CAKES. MILK BISCUITS. ALPHABET BISCUITS. OYSTER-BISCUITS. WAFER BISCUITS.

SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES. Pints and Quarts. HOCK. SAUTERNES.

CLARET. Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848. SACCONE'S Pale Dry SHERRY. . Amontilado SHERRY.

LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE, Pints and Quarts: MARASCHINO DE ZARA. CURACAO.

Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY. SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES. BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, Pints and Quarts. GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, Pints and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS. Princessa CHEROOTS. Cavite CHEROOTS. Princessa CIGARS. Cavite CIGARS.

Aroceros CIGARS. Vegueros CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes Choice No. 3 Meisig CHEROOTS. Choice No. 3 Fortin OIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS. SCIENTIFIC WORKS. WORKS of REFERENCE.

SCHOOL BOOKS. CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS. CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.

NOVELS. ATLASES.

BLOCK for 1880.

HISTORIES. DICTIONARIES.

OLLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning FRENCH and SPANISH. DR. AHN'S METHOD for Learning GER-

MAN and FRENCH. ABBER'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE, GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH. " NORTH "CHINA HERALD" DATE

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes. Hongkong, Documber 15, 1879.

Entertainment.

GREAT THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE will take place in the TUNG HING THEATRE,

TO-NIGHT,

When the CHIM CHUNG FUI COM-PANY will appear. The Entertainment to commence at 10 o'clock.

TO-MORROW (Thursday) NIGHT,

the 25th Instant, A WAR-LIKE PERFORMANCE-all the In-

strumenta real Weapons, used in Battle. On the Evening of FRIDAY, there will be a GRAND PERFORMANCE of JUGGLING,

Fire-Eating, &c.

The Tung Hing THEATRE has recently been newly fitted with Magnificent Chinese lanterns and is now brilliantly illuminated. There will be a Grand display of Flowers. These special performances of great excellence are given on the occasion of the

Foreign and Chinese Christmas. Admission, First-class......\$1. Commencing every night at 10 o'clock. Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

THEATRE ROYAL,

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will perform

SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL' AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, On the EVENING of MONDAY.

the 29TH INSTANT.

SHERIDAN'S COMEDY

Admission (by Tickets only), \$2. Places may be secured at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s at Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 24th

Instant. Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to Commence PUNCTUALLY at 9 o'clock.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform THE SORCERER" AT THE

CITY HALL THEATRE, THURSDAY,

the 8th January, at 9 p.m. Tickets may be purchased and places

secured at Messrs Lane, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary.

"OUR BOYS" TRAMATIC COMPANY, comprising the following Artistes— MISS EMILY BLAIN.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879.

MISS MINNIE NORDT. MRS. NORVILLE, MESSRS FRANK STUART. GEO. NORVILLE. G. OROFTON, AND

HARRY FRANKLIN Will arrive Early in January, and will THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY.

Full Particulars in future Advertisements.

GEO. NORVILLE, Business Manager. Horgkong, December 22, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Aleither the Captain, the Agents, nor-Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

Palma, German barque, Capt. Binge.-Melchers & Co. Hongkong, German 3-masted schooner,

Captain Carl Oom.—Wieler & Co. Регно, German barque, Capt. Seekamp. -Siemssen & Co.

Moses B. Tower, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall. - Jardine, Matheson & Co. ALICE REED, American barque, Capt. J. H. Kilbean.-Melchers & Co.

AMY TURNER, American barque, Captain A. W. Newell.—Russell & Co. LAUREL, British barque, Capt. Johnson.

-Gibb, Livingston & Co. MIDDLESEX, British barque, Captain A. Walsh .- Borneo Company.

To-day's Advertisements.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGA-TION COMPANY.

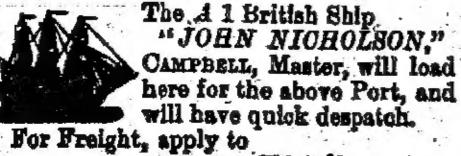
FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN. SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, Taking Cargo and Passengers at through

rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer "ORUSADER." T. Rowin, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo, at 4 p.m.,

instead of as previously notified. For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

> FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Ship.



VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Company's Steamship "ANTENOR" will be despatched at 4 p.m. TO-MORROW, the 25th Inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to

Agents. Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

SIEMSSEN & Co.

FOR SHANGHAL The Steamship "CHINKIANG," Captain S. M. Ore, will be deapatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 26th Inst., at 2 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "HAILOONG," Captain Goode, will be deon SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.__

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "KWANGTUNG,"

spatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 28th Inst., at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

Captain ABBOTT, will be de-

FOR SHANGHAI. (Taking Cargo and Passenger for Ports on the YANGTSZE,)

The Steamship shortly expected, will be deon or about MONDAY, the 29th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

SHIPPING.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 23, Ningpo, British steamer, 761, R. Cass, Shanghal Dec. 20, General. Siemssen & Co.

Dec. 24, Antenor, British steamer, 1469, Bragg, Shanghai Dec. 17, General,-Bur-TERFIELD & SWIRE. Dec. 24, Olympia, German steamer, 783,

F. Nagel, Bangkok Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Wood and Rice. - LANDSTEIN & Co. Dec. 24, Chinkiang, British steamer, from

Dec. 24, Fuyew, Chinese steamer, from

Dec. 24, Hailoong, British steamer, 277, F. P. C. Goode, Tamsut Dec. 21, and Amoy 23, General, - Douglas Laprair &

Dec. 24, Kwangtung, British steamer, 674, Abbott, Foochow Dec. 21, Amoy 22, and Swatow 23, General, -Douglas La. PRAIK & Co.

Dec. 24, Anna Bertha, German barque, 469, H. Krause, Chefoo Dec. 15, noon; General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 24, Yottung, for Swatow. 24, Iphigenia for New York. 24, Hiram Emery, for Singapore. 24, City of Peking, for Yokohama and San Francisco. 24, Ningpo, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Romulus, for Manila. Antenor, for London, &c. Fuyew, for Shanghai. Douglas, for Coast Ports. Faugh Balaugh, for Labuan.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, Mr Campbell, and 81 Chinese. Per Kwangtung, from Coast Ports, Messra J. G. Smith, A. Gay, Swenson, Craig, and 125 Chinese.

Per Hailoong, from Amoy, do, 5 Chi-Per Anna Bertha, from Chefoo, 7 Chi-

DEPARTED.

Per City of Peking, for Yokohama, Mrs Turner; for San Francisco, Dr. D. Kindleberger, and 5 Steerage. Per Yottung, for Swatow, 84 Chinese. TO DEPART.

Per Oxus, for Salgon, Mr Ban Hap, and Chinese; for Singapore, Mr J. Cabredo for Marseilles, Mr Covil. - From Shanghai for Marseilles, Capts, Lanz and Paul, R.N., Messrs E. Cousins and child, L. Bryner, N. P. Ayme, and Jas. Walter,-From Yokohama: for Suez, Mr Wolhfarth; for Naples, Messra Moretti, Suselvini, Esposito, Zanzarelli, and Amendola; for Marseilles, Messrs Wong, Alvarez, Chenest de Montaudin, de Hemptinne, and Morgan.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Antenor reports Left Shanghai Dec. 17th, arrived at Amoy on the 19th, and left on the 22nd. Arrived off Hongkong on 23rd and entered port on the 24th. During the passage experienced moderate and strong winds from the Northeastward with fine clear weather. The German steamer Olympia reports:

ia3 Moderate N.E. monagen throughout. The British steamer Ningpo reports : Moderate and fine weather throughout. The German barque Anna Bertha reports: General fine weather and moderate winds with sometimes calms.

The British steamer Hailoong reports : Left Tamsui on Dec. 21st, experienced a fresh monsoon and moderate sea crossing Formosa Channel, and arrived in Amoy on the 22od. In Amoy; S. S. Flours Castle, and Wenchow, Left again on 23rd, Had

light N.E. winds as far South as Lamocks, thence to port variable airs and fine weather. Arrived at 9 a.m. Passed the S. S. Namoa bound into Amoy. B.M.S. Frolic left Amoy on the 22nd for Takao, and in Tamsui on 21st was H. M.S. Lapwing.

The British steamer Kwangtung reports Left Foochow Dec. 21st, Amoy 22nd, and Swatow 28rd. Throughout the passage experienced moderate winds from N. to N.E. and smooth sea. Passed a steamer bound North off Cupchi. Passed a barque off Tongquin bound South. In Foochow: S. S. Feronia and Sin Nanzing. In Amoy: S. S. Wenchow, and Hailoong, In Swatow: S. S. Yesing, Yungching, Lee Yuen, and Foochow;

CARGO. Per S. S. Oxue, to sail to-night, the 24th December :- For Continent, 2,186 bales Silk, 352 bales Waste Silk, 80 bales Punjum Silk, 6 bales Coccons, 25 cases Silks, and 843 pkgs. Sundries; for London, 1,082 bales Silk, 4 cases Silks, 2,152 boxes and 280 pkgs. Tea, 211 pkgs. Sundries, and 1 case Treasure (\$31,500).

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close :-

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, AND LONDON .-Per Antenor, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th lost

For SHANGHAL .-Per Fuyew, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th Inst. Per Chinkiang, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday, the 26th last.

For HIOGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGA-SAKI.-Per Takasago Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th inst.

For BANGKOK .-Per Rajanattianuhar, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 26th inst. For AMOY, TAIWAN, AND TAMSUI,-Per Hailoong, at 11.30 a.m., on Satur-

day, the 27th inst. For SAIGON .-Per Bombay, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th inst., instead of as pre-

viously notified. For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW .-Per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th inst. For SAIGON .-

Per Olympia, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &o,-Per Crusader, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd January. 12 cents rates.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PAOKET .-

French Contract Packet Oxus will be despatched on WEDNESDAY. the 24th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Naples; to Salgon, Stralts Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (vià Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, do.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS. The following hours are observed in closing

Malis, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packete:-Day of Departure,-5 P.M. -- Money Order Office closes Post Office closes till 8 P.M., ex-

cept the NIGHT Box, which is always open out of Office hours. P.M.—Post Office opens. P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases Posting of all printed matter

and patterns ceases. 10 P.M. - Mails closed, except for Late 10.10 P.M.-Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 10.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes

entirely. 10.40 r.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of

· Quotations. Bonckone, December 24. OPlUM,-New Patna, cash....\$565 ., cash,... 535 New Benarce, cash, 5171 New Malwa, credit, 700 Allowance Old Malws, credit, 750 Allowance Taels, -

Exchange. Bank, Wire,... Demand, 30 days' sight, 4 months' sight, ... Documentary, 4 months' sight, 3/10] India, Wire, ... 224 demand, Shanghai, demand, ... 80 days' sight, ... Gold Leaf, 991 fine ... Sovereigns,

Shares. Hongkong Bank, 60 % prem. sales. Union Ins. Society of O'ton, \$1,375, sales. China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,325, sales. North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,125, buyers. Yangteze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 780, sales. Chinese Insurance Co., \$310, sellers. H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$820, sales. China Fire Ins. Co., \$220, sellers. H.K. & W. Dock Co., 10 % nominal, prem H.K. C. M. S.-boat Oo., \$21 prem. sales, Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 11 China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tla. 109 Hongkong Gas Co., \$70 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$66. China Sugar Refining Co., \$157, sales. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal

of 1877, do. Temperature. (Taken at Messrs Falconer & Oo.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

Hongkong, December 24,

BAROMETER- 9 A.M ... 30.180 4 P.M. ... 30,020 THERMOMETER-9 A.M.... 62 I P. M 4 P.K... Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 60 1 P.M. 62 Do. Do. 4 P.W. 62 Marimum Do. Minimum over night 60

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping.

Daylight .- Douglas leaves for Coas

4 p.m.—Antenor leaves for London. Miscellaneous.

Local Banks close. Insurance Offices close.

Amusement. 10 p.m.—Theatrical Performance at the Tung Hing Theatre.

General Memoranda.

BIDAY, December 26 :--Local Banks close. Insurance Offices close. 2 p.m.—Chinkiang leaves for Shanghal.

SATURDAY, December 27:-Daylight .- Mitsu Bishi Mall leaves for Yokohama via Kobé. Noon. - Somerset leaves for Singapore, Briabane, &c.

Noon.—Hailoong leaves for Amoy, &c. SUNDAY, December 28:-Daylight,-Kwangtung leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, December 29 :--Gleniffer leaves for Shanghai, on or about this date. 9 p.m.-Dramatic Performance at the

City Hall. WEDNESDAY, December 31 :-11 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, (New Year's Day), 1880 :--Local Banks close. Insurance Offices close. SATURDAY, January 3:-

4 p.m. - Crusader leaves for Port Darwin, Cooktown, &c. Monday, January 5:-9 p.m.-Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

THURSDAY, January 8:--2 p.m. -Auction of German brig Carl. 9 p.m.-"Sorcerer" at the City Hall, WEDNESDAY, January 14:-3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s

Francisco.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

THERE is a charm about Christmas time rate payable in Victoria back to what it was that throws a bright halo around the dying year. As the Wise Man has told before the reduction last year. us, there is a time to be merry as well as a time to be sad; and it therefore befits us to lay aside the pen of caustic criticism and, dipping it for once in the milk of human kindness, write down the wish for "a merry Christmas to all." this remote corner of the earth there will and Port Darwin; the Straits Settlements: probably be a tinge of sadness in our and Western Australia. memories of the past and a sombreness and isolation in our joy; but in presence of the red holly and the silvery mistletoe (or of such imitations as we have here) we feel constrained to join in the grand sacrifice offered up all the world over to universal good fellowship, family feelings and brotherly charity. Beginning with the saturnalia, the yule and the Tung-chi of the ancients, Old Christmas has held its ground and renewed its youth for thousands of years; and as the Christian civilisation of our own days advances and extends its influence, the higher meaning | means of postage stamps, subject to a of the feast becomes clearer and clearer, charge of one per cent for cashing them. culminating in the grand heavenly harmony of "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men." It is true that the world THE plan of the seats for the performance is a long way from the realization of the of "School for Scandal" was exposed at perfect Christmas time, and that the Messrs Lane, Crawford's store at noon topeace and goodwill shadowed forth is as day, and in ten or fifteen minutes the yet sadly broken, disturbed, and incomplete. But in this higher sense our race

all,-"A Merry Christmas," There is some reason for congratulation | "WATERMAN'S" communication, published upon the improved prospects of prosperity which exist this season, as compared with will, it is fervently to be hoped, be un every person a fair opportunity of ventilaknown in the Empire for many years; ting his opinions on passing events of a and we daresay that an equally sincere hope will be expressed in this Colony of fire such as that of 1878 may for Hong. of his censure or our space, as his displea-

owes much to the Christmas seasons,

and even in the more restricted sense

We would fain follow the school

which the great national novelist

influence of Christmas time. In

England belongs, having a sincere and a

hearty belief in the great humanizing

recurrent rejoicings of Christmas tide

are preached a sermon more fraught

with weighty truths and powerful prin-

ciples for good to men than years of the

rigid dogmatic utterances of theological

lore. It therefore becomes us, we say,

to pause in our worldly, perhaps sordid,

spect of increased prosperity in business, the compliments of the season will carry an additional zest; and to the good wishes of health and wealth to come, we may the more heartily and confidently add those for the happiness of all during the present and in the future.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next FRENCH MAIL may be expected to arrive here, to-morrow (Christmas Day) by the M. M. steamer Peiho.

The next Engineer Mail may be expected to arrive here on or about the 29th inst., by the P. & O. steamer Bokhara, which left Singapore for this port at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 23rd.

To MORROW being Christmas Day there will be no issue of the China Mail.

THE Christmas celebration at the German Foundling Pospital takes place at 6 p.m., this evening, at the Chapel of the Home.

THERE will be a local delivery from the Post Office to-morrow (Christmas Day) at 9 a.m. Correspondence intended for it must be posted in the night box after 5 p.m. this evening, if not sent earlier with a specie request for retarded delivery.

WE are informed by Messrs Adamson, Be. & Co., that the steamship Merionethshire bound for London, left Nagasaki last night for Hongkong.

THE case in which a man of the 27th Inniskillings and a Chinaman are accused of having committed an unnatural offence was again before the Magistrates this morning, when Dr. Ayres gave evidence of a medical nature. Both prisoners reserved their defence; they were committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Court.

> THE interest created by the "Double Acrostics" that have lately appeared on our Saturday's 6th page seems to have suggested to some of our local rhymers the idea of writing pieces of a similar kind. An Original Accestic, in another column, seeks for interpreters; and answers will be received and published within the next few

THE Acting Deputy Registrar (Mr Mossop) officially reports in the Gazette that "the Lord Chief Justice sentenced Tsang Shun-i (the chief conspirator in the \$12,000 case) to two years imprisonment." Strictly the Chief Justice here is only entitled to "His Honour;" "His Lordship" is used by

courtesy. THE rates for next year for houses in the

City have been fixed as follows :-Police rate......7.75 per cent. Lighting rate.......1 50 Fire Brigade..... 75 Water rate.....2.00

Full rates......12.00 ,, For houses in British Kowloon and outlying villages of the Colony the rate is 5 per cent. on houses. This brings the total

FROM the 1st proximo the Post Office of Hongkong will be prepared to issue money

orders on any of the following places:-The Empire of Japan; New South Wales; In New Zealand; Queensland; South Australia

Some other revised rules as to money orders are published in the Gazette of this date. Orders as above can be obtained at the Shanghai P. O. save on Japan. The exchange between Hongkong and Shanghai remains the same; but the commission is increased on sums up to \$25, or £5, from 15 cents to 25 cents, and on sums from £5 to £10 or \$25 to \$50 from 30 to 50 cents. Sums not exceeding \$50 may be remitted between the other Ports of China by

majority of the places were literally scrambled after and secured. It would seem, from the display of eagerness shown Christmas is a blessing to all mankind. on these occasions, that, failing some better arrangement, either the best [seats should be increased in price or sold at a premium. Of course the Amateur Dramatic Club has no sordid desire in the matter; but really the rush now made for seats under the present system is, however flattering to the amateur performers, somewhat "rough" on those who do not care to elbow their way through an excited crowd. Could not the popularity of these performances, and the pursuits, and express the wish, that is desire to obtain particular places, be utilised now in the heart and upon the lips of in some way with advantage?

in last night's issue, was inserted in accordthe dull outlook of last year. Famine ance with our invariable rule-viz., to give public nature. It cannot be said that the that another experience of the ravages correspondent referred to was very sparing kong be far in the future. With the sure fell at some length upon all round, our return of a revival of trade, and the pro- Reporters among the rest. The gentleman ever, is of small importance. The rowing fostering. and non-rowing community are probably in his letter, overlooked the fact that that country .- Academy. were two gentlemen who acted and this seems a somewhat strange overthe rowing boats, were not at any time impeded by the accompanying steamlaunches. Captain Geary and Mr Hynes ought to know best whether this was so or not; and the rowers and the community are day in a New Zealand paper:bound to accept their opinion. The great majority of those present, we understand, do accept this opinion, and they do so all the more readily, not only because of the confidence felt in the gentlemen themselves, but because common sense and a clear vision corroborate the dictum thus laid down by THE Messageries Maritimes Company's fleet of. We think the management of this placement. year's Regatta, taking it altogether, reflects credit upon all concerned, and that " Waterman's" letter is not sufficient to shake the general satisfaction felt over the success

SHORTLY before the arrival of the Patroclus at Pagoda Anchorage, the ship's carpenter jumped overboard and was drowned; this is the third tragic death on board the vessel within a week, the double shooting (homicide of the doctor and suicide by the second mate) being still painfully freshin the minds of our readers.

of the V. R. C.

AMOY news to the 29th were to the effect that H. M. S. Frolic, Commander Rickman, R. N., was to leave for Takao on the Monday afternoon (weather permitting), and that the arrival was noted by the steamer Antenor, from Shanghai, of Mr P. L. Warren, H. B. M.'s Acting Consul for Taiwan.

WE read in the Shanghai papers that the Chinaman has had another mishap. leaving the Tung-ka-doo Dock, after being repaired of the damage she sustained in the the Benclutha and sustained such damage to ber atern and gearing as, it was believed, would delay her departure for some days.

THE annual report naually sent to us by Mr John Paul, the colporteur, has assumed an abbreviated form this year. It is as follows :-

Hongkong, Dec. 25. Dear Sir,-Grace be unto you. . . . Not being encouraged to write a Report, I only wanted to state, that during this

year I paid a visit to Singapore, Penang, Saigon, Cholon and Canton. The distribution was from 15,000 to 16,000 Bibles, Portions of Old and New Testament. Tracts etc.

My subscriptions amounted to \$70, at Hongkong, and \$6 at Singapore. Thanking the kind givers, I allow myself to wish to all a merry Christmas and a happy New

I remain, &o. JOHN PAUL.

In an arbitration case in Shanghal the other day the witnesses were ordered out of Court and the reporters were asked to withhold their reports till the case was concluded. The Courier withheld its report but entered a protest as follows :-

It is very unusual for newspapers to be requested to hold over their reports of cases, even if witnesses are ordered out of Court, and we do not recollect an instance of its having been done at home. It is also a very inconvenient course to adopt so far as the journals are concerned, as they are under the necessity of laying an extraordinary mass of evidence before their readers, to the exclusion of almost all other matter. This case, however, being an arbitration, is on a rather different footing from others with respect to the publication of evidence, and perhaps there is no ground for complaint in this instance. The collision case of the Crusader and the S. C. Farnham was, however, heard before the Court in the usual way, and yet the publication of the evidence had to be deferred until the case was nearly completed. 'It is to be hoped that this will not become the practice in Shanghai."

With regard to the new line of traffic between this port and Japan, the Hiogo News

writes :-The M. B. M. Steamship Co.'s steamer Tokasago-maru arrived from Hongkong on Thursday, several hours ahead of schedule The colonial service, so far, has been admirably performed by the Coy., who are showing a determination to earn for the new line a reputation for despatch and reliability equal to that which they have gained for their Shanghai line. With such commanders as Captain Young, of the Takasago, and Captain Walker, of the Niigata-who, by the way, made a capital speech at the dinner given in Hongkong, in honour of the inauguration of the linethey need have no fear that their reputation will suffer. While on this subject, we might mention a fact that has come to our notice, which is worth recording. On the last trip of the Niigata-maru, articles of Japanese produce to the value of ninety thousand yen were shipped for Hongkong; and by other recent departures large quantities of native goods of a proportionate value, have been sent away. The Takasagomore brought 400 tons of cargo for Kobe, the rest of her available space being taken up with goods for Yokohama and Nagasaki. We have been informed that, in Osaka, an advance of about thirty per cent. has taken place in the price of mushrooms, dried fish.

and other articles of food exported to

responsible for the reports of the Regatta so | China, since the establishment of the new much objected to by "Waterman" never line, owing to the increased demand for rowed behind Slater or, if we mistake not, such articles. This is a highly satisfactory anybody else: so they could not pretend to state of affairs, but it is to be hoped that be finished "Watermen," and we really do prices won't go too high, or the trade just not quite see that they should. That, how- initiated may be stifled through over-

fairly satisfied with the amount of attention MR. C. Pfoundes is preparing a volume on bestowed upon the Regatta of 1879, and will "The Folk-Lore of Old Japan; a Budget of eat their Christmas dinner with equanimity Notes about Nipon," which Messrs. Griffith notwithstanding the few inacouracies that and Farran will publish at an early date. were printed in these columns. A point of Mr. Pfoundes has spent over 12 years with greater moment is that referred to in a the Japanese people, has mastered the colbrief note, from the Umpires, which appears loquial language, and has lived the native elsewhere. "Waterman," by the way, life amongst the intelligent better class in

in the capacity of Umpire and Starter; Ar a meeting of the District Grand Lodge of English Constitution Masons, held in In his communication, our in- Sydney the other night, the sum of £500 dignant correspondent flatly contradicts was unanimously voted towards the endowthose two gentlemen, when he says that ment of a scholarship in the Sydney University, open to the sons of English Constitution Masons only.

A currous intimation appeared the other

BIRTHS. STEVENS.—September 26, Mrs. G. T. Stevens, of twins. "To err is human, to forgive divine."

the constituted authorities. It will be well is valued at £2,164,896. It has 56 ships of if steps be taken in future to prevent a an aggregate force of 20,610 horse power recurrence of the inconvenience complained and an aggregate of 168,172 tons of dis-

> Mr. AITCHISON, Chief Commissioner Burmah, has intimated to friends in England that he does not believe the Mandalay difficulty will be saved without a short war and the enthronement of Nyoungan.

According to the Indian Daily News, private letters from Australia report that the Sydney Exhibition has been a failure. The hotels are said to be without visitors, and the theatres to be empty.

> Police Intelligence. (Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.) Wednesday, Dec. 24th.

. STEALING BEEF. Wong Aloi, 17, a servant, appeared on a charge of stealing beef from his master.

George Greig a Staff Sergeant in the Royal Complainant is entitled to receive a certain quantity of beef as a part of his

daily rations and it was defendant's duty to go every morning to the Commissaviat Stores to draw his master's rations. For some time past complainant noticed that the beef was short and yesterday morning it was so noticeably deficient in quantity that he took defendant back to the Stores and had the beef weighed, when it was collision with the Kiangteen, she fouled found to be twelve ounces under the proper

> Corporal Hill, R. E., who superintends the issue of rations to the Staff Sergeants proved serving out the proper quantity of meat to the prisoner. He, the prisoner, knew exactly how much he should receive, however, considers it impossible to make and saw it weighed every morning, and on this occasion he took it out of the scales

Prisoner in defence said that he put the basket down for a moment on his return to his master's quarters and that probably a dog had taken some of the meat.

Complainant, on being recalled, said his servant did not put the basket down. saw his wife take the basket from the defendant's hand as soon as he returned from the Commissariat Stores.

His Worship awarded a sentence of four weeks' imprisonment, the first and last ten days to be in solitary confinement.

STEALING PORK, Wong Ashing, 34, a coolie, was charged 800 chests. with stealing four pieces of dried pork

valued at 35 cents. Chan Asz, the owner of the pork, said she (short.) had put it outside her door in Tai Wa Street to dry. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon she heard a cry of "stealing dried pork," and found defendant was running down the street and pursued by several of the neighbours. Witness joined in the chase and saw the prisoner arrested by a constable.

Defendant made the usual excuse that he saw another man-steal the pork and that he had been arrested by mistake. Sentence, -six weeks' imprisonment with hard labor.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION. Choung Afak, 31, a coolie, was charged with being in the unlawful possession of a plece of a wooden rail on the 23rd instant. the property of the Government.

Fu Tin Yau, a gardener, employed at the Government shrubbery at Wong Net Chong, caught defendant carrying off the bar, which formed part of the railing round the plantation. A great many similar pieces had been stolen recently. The one now under notice was in its proper place at 10 o'clock in the morning. arrested prisoner said he only picked it up to put it in its place, but witness said the prisoner was about 60 feet away from the part of the fence from which it was taken when he was arrested.

Defendant now said that he had seen it lying on the ground for some days and thought it was no use. He admitted having been in gaol last month for fourteen days for a similar offence.

Fined \$25, in default to suffer three months' imprisonment with hard labour."

(Before Bon. C. B. Phinket.)

A PROMISING YOUTH. Wan Achau, 10 years of age, was charged with stealing on the 16th instant, a silver bangle from a little girl, daughter of one

Ho Achan, carpenter. girl, were playing outside their father's shop when the defendant anatched the bangle from the girl's arm and ran off. He was not arrested till the 22nd instant.

Defendant denied the charge. He ad- been pilferred, having been taken out of mitted three convictions during the present | the glasses and carried off-thefts paltry | Japan, Philippine Islands and other Counyear, but asserted that they were all on in themselves, but which, if continued, will false accusations.

not think his son could have stolen the altogether as a measure of self protection. bangle as at the time when the theft was alleged to have been committed he was engaged cooking for the family. He had beaten the boy to make him confess but the lad persisted in asserting his innocence Sentence, waix month's imprisonment with hard labour with two periods of 14

days in solitary confinement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE RECENT REGATTA.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." 23rd December. SIB,-We do not desire to enter into any controversy with your anonymous correspondent "Waterman," who so politely charges us with making a false statement, as it was our opinion that a fleet of steamlaunches preceding light racing boats must and did seriously affect them, and to that opinion we still adhere. We have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servants, " HAMILTON GEARY, Captain, R.A., W. HYNES. Umpires and Starters.

China.

FJOCHOW. (Herald, Dec 18th.)

H. B. M's. S. Lapwing left Pagoda Anchorage, for a cruise, on the 12th instant. Like cures like; and the Foochow teashippers have just now successfully demonstrated the truism that combination should be met by counter-combination. Feronia, v Antenor. There's the rub, ye

conspirators! A large contingent of ponies are, we understand, expected to arrive per S. S. Sin Nanzing, due here to morrow. This welcome accession to the "Camp" forces comes in good time, and will, if our information is correct, bring the muster roll up to the full strength of former years.

A special general meeting of members of

the Foochow Chamber of Commerce was held at the offices of Messrs Odell & Loyburn on Friday last, the 12th instant. The following firms were represented, viz:-Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co., Oliver & Co., Bathgate & Co., Russell & Co., Purdon & Co., Adamson Bell & Co., Holliday Wise-& Co., B. J. Morris & Co., Schönfeld & Co., Siemsen & Co., Alex Leith (Hong-Odell & Leyburn, Gilman & Co., W. L. Hunter, David Sassoon Sons & Co., Butterfield & Swire, and Birley & Co. Mr Odell occupied the Chair. The object of calling the members together was to consider the following proposition,-which had been submitted to the Committee of the

"That all teas shall be weighed within one week after date of purchase; and that payment for the same shall be made within one week after date of shipment."

After conversation; the following resolution was proposed by Mr Dermer and seconded by Mr Sheppard :- "That in the opinion of this meeting the questions submitted by the deputation of teamen are matters entirely between sellers and buyers and that this Chamber can take no action.

To the foregoing resolution, Mr Tatham, seconded by Mr Leith, proposed the following Amendment;—

"That this meeting approves of the suggestion for fixing some period for payment of teas, but thinks the suggestion as to weighing within a week of purchase will be found impracticable, especially in the case of Australian buyers. The meeting, carrying out of any such arrangement being a matter solely as between buyer and seller, and the carrying out of it depending entirely on the action of the native Tea Hongs themselves.

On being put to the meeting, the amend ment was carried by six votes, nine being in favor of and three against it.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the business of the meeting .- Abridged.

Tea. - Moderate transactions in Congou are reported, at about former rates. The season's supply is now virtually at an end, and the actual stock is reduced to about

Settlements of Congou from 11th to 17th inst: 3,010 chests, at Tls. 61 a 151 per picul,

(b)	1010.			
	Total	arrivals of Congou, settlements	727,800 727,067	chests.
4-	Total	Stock, arrivals of Southong, settlements	733 88,600 38,600	
	Total	Stock, arrivals of Oolong,	Nil 25,800	1-chts.

Nil , 4,653 chests. Total arrivals of Fl. Pekoe, 4,658 settlements Nil ,

Total arrivals of Sc. Tea; 68,660 boxes. . settlements 68,660 Nil Freight. - To London-per steamer-

Conference" Rate, nominal. The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Antenor, advertised this forenoon to load at £2, (should sufficient inducement be offered) has since been withdrawn. "Non-Conference" Rate-£2 15 per ton of 40 cubic feet.

Vessels on the berth .- For London,-Nil. For Australia.—Nil. Vessels expected to load. -For London. -Steam-ship Feronia.

For Australia.-Nil.

BHANGHAI. (N. C. D. News.)

We understand that the other afternoon letters from time to time. cargo boat loaded with rice was driven by the force of the current with such violence against the side of the steamer Antenor that it capsized and sank at

We are desired to inform our readers that from this date mails will be made up grand lot of them on the backs of all such at the United States Postal Agency for transmission to San Francisco from Yokohama, by the steamers of both the Occidental and Oriental, and the Pacific Mail lines. Complainant's two children, a boy and Hitherto they have only been forwarded by those of the latter.

ty are announced; this time it is hyacinth bulbs from the reserve Garden that have entail on the Garden Committee the Wan A I, the father of the defendant, did | necessity of closing the reserve Garden

> it- in contemplation for some weeks past to give a Ball during the coming festive season, and at a meeting of the Committee held last evening we understand it was decided to carry the project into effect. Over 120 subscribers have already been

for the Ball to take place.

tely. It was very dark at the time, and the show you my gratitude. sons were taken out of the water. They often as I open my Album and look at my went on to Chinkiang on the steamer, and fine Pages for China. returned to their homes by the next one | Hoping soonest to receive that joybringthat came down. It is stated that there ing letter, I ask, esteemed Sir, to remain were seven persons on the boat who were most regardful and truly. . not picked up.

Some of our readers may be pleased to learn that the health of the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, has the stamps with the letter in a very strong derived great benefit from his stay in Che- Envelope, addressed most carefully thus: foo. Indeed, we understand that he is completely restored to health. He is believed to be now en route to Yangchow by overland route, at which place he has a station.

(Mercury.)

A steam dredger, from the Arsenal we believe, has arrived at the entrance to the Soochow Creek. It is a cumbrous looking machine, and has only one bucket. No wonder with an affair like this, the Chinese authorities shrink from the expense of but he presumed that would not much dredging the Woosung Bar. The Soocho Creek is to be dredged, and perhaps in the course of time the Hwangpoo River may be dredged too. She is believed to be one of the original lot ordered by Messrs J. W Allen & Co. for dredging the upper par of the Soochow Creek, about fifteen years

THE LATEST AMERICAN SWINDLE. to about Christmas time we do not mind young lady from whom no snawer has been kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation), giving an advertisement gratis to a large commercial undertaking over the any one that the whole affair is a fraud water. American cuteness has come to be We simply give the gushing letter, the proverbial, but, thank Heaven, it borders | manifest work of a gang of impostors, as a on a land the average Briton does not yet curlo. In the history of swindling. care to boldly tread. The stamp mania Chamber by a deputation of native teamen, gave rise in England and America, and indeed over all the world more or less, to a regular trade in stamps, not a small portion of the profits of the dealer being the ordinary stamps he received himself on letters addressed to him by collectors and correspondents in distant parts. The coolest piece of begging effrontery we have noticed in this connection is the following letter which has been received within the last three years by several gentlemen in Hongkong. The Swedish young lady has "just happened to get hold of another batch " of names of "honoured and esteemed gentlemen" in this quarter of the globe. Some letters have been received in Amoy, and some, we learn from the Hiogo News, in any binding agreement on the subject,—the | Japan. Some of those we have seen came with a neat Christmas card and "the compliments of the season." The whole thing is a probable "take-in," but it is worth giving as a sample of the latest development of the 'cuteness of the great nation that first made wooden nutmegs et hoc genus omne:-

Brooklyn (North America), Aug. 12, 1879.

Mr. ____, Amoy in China. My very esteemed and dear Sir,-

By a chance I got your very honoured name and address, and as I fancy you to be a very kind Gentleman, I hope you will forgive me for addressing myself to you. -I wish to tell you that I was born in

Iceland (in Europe) and was soon after moved to Scandinavia (Sweden) where I lived and was educated till my both dear parents died a few years ago, when I then as not yet 19 years old had to leave my fatherland to go over here to this strange American land to live together with a ladyfriend of my late parents, a very kind elderly Swedish Lady.

By that time my Lady Friend soon noticed that I here felt very lonesome and was very sorrowful at the loss of my beloved parents : and to amuse me and to try to disperse my thoughts, she animated me to make a Collection or Album of used (canceled) Postage-Stamps of all nations in the world, which is a very delightful and instructive amusement to many young Ladies in Scandinavia; and she kindly presented me with a very large and elegant Postage-Stamp-Album with descriptions and empty spaces for all the about 8000 me. different Stamps in the World. -Oh, I can not describe you how very much I now love this beautiful Album, but it was also since my only amusement here.

But, oh, I soon noticed how very difficult it will be to get my Album filled! And as I therefore now just happened to get your very honoured name, so I thought I should venture to send this little note to you, my esteemed Sir, and most beseechingly ask you kindly to do me the great favor to try to get obtained for me a lot of such canceled Postage-Stamps from China and other Countries, of which I suppose you and your friends have got many on old and new

Especially I should be most thankful and obliged to you for a good lot of the VERY RARE OSSOLETE Postage-Stamps which my Album says were in use in Philippins Islands from 1854-1864, and to Japan from 1871-1875, and you will be sure to find a OLD letters from those years and countries. Oh, you will not be able to believe how very grand a pleasure those extremely rare obsolets Stamps will afford me; I shall appreciate them very highly and I will owe you millions of thanks for your trouble to More robberies of Public Garden proper- get them. But, besides, I shall also be very thankful to you, esteemed Sir, for all other canceled Postage-Stamps (and also Revenue Stamps) obsolete or now in use in China, tries. -- And please be very kind to remember that you can not send me too many of such canceled stamps, even if you can send me many hundreds of each sorts, for I can The Masonic body in Shanghai have had | through Lady-Friends in Scandinavia get all such duplicates exchanged for many other different stamps, just such as I can use in my Album.

But now I also wish to ask what I can do in return to you, my esteemed Sir And I beseech you kindly to tell me which obtained, including many ladies, and we things you ere especially most fond of for tempter with the five pieces of silver.

hear the 23rd of January is the day fixed I can send you many different remembrances, curlosities, books, views, news-About half past six on Thursday evening papers; also I can embroider something for last, the Kiangfoo steamer struck a ferry- you if you wish. Oh, indeed, I shall be boat near Kian yien, which sank immedia- very glad to please you in best manner to

The Late

boat, which had no light, was not seen until | Now I shall be very much longing for | the steamer was close to it. The helm was | your esteemed answer; and you will rej ice at once ported to avoid it, but the lowdah me indescribably if you will most kindly kept on his way across the bows of the send A VERY LARGE AND BIG LETTER filled Kiangfoo, with the result mentioned. A with A GRAND LOT OF STAMPS; oh, then I boat was lowered immediately, and ten per- shall always remember and thank you as

Your ANNA P-Please be very kind to send your welcome letter by SAFEST way, and to put all Miss Anna P-

> No .-- Avenue, Brooklyn Long-Island United States of North America.

One gentleman who received a copy of this letter wrote politely to say that he had To-Morrow, alas! I am booked to go a large supply of stamps which he would be only too anxious to dispose of-(he happened to hold the highest position in the Post Office) -- none of them were obliterated, matter; she could effect that with little | And a feed at the Commandant's bungalow trouble; one of the things he liked best and of which she could send any quantity | The punkah, instead of the Christmas fire! by registered packet was solid Mexican | The Colonel, instead of the dear old Squire | American gold dollars, or a bill for a handsome amount on any of our Banks here. Any of these to hand, he would despatch I know, after all, that my lot isn't bad, her at once stamps to the amount. Such In the generous mood one siways comes a reply was likely to choke-off the poor received. We fancy it is needless to warn

FENG-SHUI AGAIN RAMPANT. (Foochow Herald, Dec. 18th.) Fêng-shui-ism has once more asserted itself. Yenping-foo, a district city about three day's journey from this port, has again declared against Christian missionaries; or rather the literati of that ilk have moved the mobocracy to the perpetration of another unprovoked attack on a foreign Christian missionary. We say the literati, because we are in possession of clear and distinct testimony as to their complicity in this, as in former deeds of cowardly sneaking lawlessness. The particulars of the outrage to which we now wish to refer are as follows: -In the early part of last week the Revd. Nathan Sites, a member of the American Methodist Episcopal Mission, arrived Yenning-foo, at which place the Mission with which he is connected have a station. A day or two after his arrival there, inflammatory placards, suddenly appeared throughout the city, calling upon the people to expel the "foreign barbarian" and his native congregation, and to destroy the Christian chapel. Mr Sites, in this emergency, very properly called upon the district magistrate, by whom he was advised to keep quiet and to refrain from holding any public service in the city until theexcitement then prevailing had subsided. We understand that Mr Sites, though of course in no way legally bound to do so, acted in strict accordance with the magistrate's advice, and closed the doors of the Mission Chapel throughout last Sunday. But, notwithstanding this apparently ample concession, Mr Sites was, while walking quietly through the streets, waylaid by a hired mob, and, after having been severely beaten by the ruffians, was on the point of being deliberately drowned by his hireling persecutors when the magistrate, most fortunately, arrived on the scene and barely succeeded in saving his life. Mr Sites is at present under medical treatment, and we understand that the United States Consul has addressed a remonstrance on the subject to the provincial authorities.

A STORY OF VENTRILOQUISM.

Val Vose, the Ventriloquist who was here the other day, tells the following story :-Once, I remember, returning home late in the evening from a merry party, and to arrive at my domicile had to cross a river in the ferry boat. I reached the landing just as the man was turning in for the night, having previously securely fastened his boat. The following conversation took place between us :-

Vose.-Now, my man, I want to go across the river as quick as you can take And louds her board with the Christmas

Boatman (sharply).—I'm not going to unfasten my boat again to-night for any. And the grand plum pudding with hollybody. I've now been called out of my bed twice since I first turned in and don't intend to go over again.

I tried to persuade him, but all in valu. I was bound to go across, and as his proper fare was only one penny, I tried to coax him with the offer of a shilling, saying, "1 really must get over, as I have very important business to transact on the other side;" but no offer I could make seemed to tempt him. Matters were getting desperate with me, when a lucky thought entered my head. I threw my voice on the other side of the river, and called aloud; " Boat ! boat

Boatman,-Too late, sir ; no use. Voice (on other side).—But I must come; very particular matters to attend to on your side.

Boatman .- I don't feare ; I tell you I shall not come. Voice.-If you'll come I'il give you five:

Boatman .- All right! I'll be with you Vose,-I say, that's lucky; you see

you'll kill two birds with one stone. You'll get my shilling for taking me over, and his five for the return trip. Boatman.-Come on, then; he smart

and jump in. He untied the boat, and we quickly paddled across the stream. As soon as we Of "truck" consumed, enjoyed, forgot, arrived on the other side I give him my | Since I was skinned by last year's lot ! shilling, jumped ashore, and was making off. The boatman not seeing his fiveshilling passenger, got impatient, and yelled out, " Now then, Mister !" I made my voice appear as if amongst the trees and growled, " You've been a long while coming scross;" and I kept up the convertation as long as I could, and am certain the boatman cursed not loud but deep the

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On board a ship or Irish car.

A CHRISTMAS REVERIE IN INDIA. And dine with our Colonel and Mrs. C. O. I hate to depart from my usual way; And to morrow, by Jove, will be Christmas

One feels, now one hasn't a regular Mess, It's a bore to go out, and a nuisance to

Is a dreary attempt at Christmas, you know; The lizard, and withering noonday glow,

Instead of the robin, and frost and snow! But somehow or other it makes me sad. At a season like this, when the thoughts will roam.

To think what they're doing just now at I fancy I see them, the Squire and all In the breakfast room in the dear old Hall.

There's snow on the drive and the grove of And they're ringing the chimes in the village Yes, yonder he sits in his wonted place.

With a smile on his fresh benignant face; And the Mother, she's there at the other And Harry, and Jack and Jane, and a

I wonder whether they're altered much?-The Dad's crisp hair had a silvery touch When I said good bye, and he bore up so; And that-why, it's nearly ten years ago The Mother, too, she was tall and erect;

But she's stooping a little now, I expect.

And her hair, in its rich and glossy bands.

Has been fingered perhaps by Time's rough But it cannot alter her look so kind, -It robs, but it leaves the heart behind; And I see her beam happily round, in the

That she always beamed upon Christmas There's Harry, who taught me fine esca-

He's got his Majority now in the Guards: And they say that he's leading a steady life. And thinking of looking about for a wife.

There's Jack,—why, I left him a rollicking And now he's a mate on an ironclad. And Jane—a mere baby in frock and curl—

If her photograph's true, is a beautiful girl. They're sitting all round the family spread: There's a pasty of game, and a big boar's There's holly on window and picture-frame.

And the fire burns up, with a crackling Then the quiet old Rector looks in on his And bids them a blithesome Christmas Day:

And together they walk through the grove Over the stile, to the village church. At the graveyard gate the churchwardens With "A merry Christmas!" and hat in

The grocer, the smithie, and Farmer And the Squire has a kindly word for all-

Then, when the shadows of night descend, The Hall is lighted from end to end; There's a bonfire huge on the lawn outside. And within, the Mother is in her pride. For she loves this night the best of the

The mince meat pies, and the loin of beef.

There's happiness, too, in the old Squire's s he rises and says the Christmas grace. He chuckles, and laughs, and cracks his

And the party's a party of merry folk. Then he fills a bumper up to the brim: He toasts them all, and they all toast him.

"A merry Christmas and happy New Year To every one who is near and dear!" But I fancy the Mother's eyes are wet

When the old man says, "There is one toast yet-Him absent—the youngster who's far God give him a merry Christmas Day !"

But the reverie somehow makes me sad: And this is a time when the thoughts will Wherever we are, to the scenes at Home.

Ah me! I know that my lot's not bad,

-" Lays of Ind," by Aliph Chesm. THOSE CHRIST MAS BILLS. · (By Mark Twain.)

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Those onions blithe, O where are they! Once loved, lost, mourned—now vexing mas Your shades troop back in annual bills And so 'twill be when I'm aground-

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Hongkong, December 13, 1879.



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SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI. TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-

AMPTON, AND LONDON; VIA BOMBAY.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship PESHAWUR, Captain C. A. WHITE, will leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 31st Instant, at 11 p.m.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed vid Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to A. MolVER, Superintendent. Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

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UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE B. S. GAELIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, January 14th, 1880, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to M. W. BOYD, Esq. | WM. MEYERINK, Esq. Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central C. Lucas, Esq. | S. D. WEBB, Esq. and South America, and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghal.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 13th January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. A REDUCTION Is made on RETURN PAR-SAGE TIOKETS.

Consular Involces to accompany Overland, Maxican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco. For further information as to Freigh or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central. H. M. BLANCHARD, Asting Agent.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "TAKASAGO MARU," FROM KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re maining on board after Tuesday, the 23rd Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' expense and risk. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. Co., 6 Queen's Road Contral. Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at

J J Mr J. J. Lautier, 2 cases Merchandise, from Saigon. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

To Let.

TTHE BASEMENT of HOUSE, No. 4. with possession on 1st January, proximo.

MEYER & Co.

"ROSE VILLAS"-EAST. CIX ROOMS, upon Bonham and ROBINSON ROADS. GAS, WATER, FLOWER and VEGETABLE GABDEN, STABLE and TENNIS LAWN.

Apply to SHARP & DANBY, No. 6, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GO-A DOWN, Situated upon MARINE LOT Possession from 1st December next. Also,—the Two HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, now in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL. Possession from 1st December.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

YOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE in GODOWNS in PEDDAR'S WEARF Buildings, at Moderate Terms.

Hongkong, August 9, 1879. TO LET. N MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS

GRANITE GODOWNS. Apply to MEYER & Co.

Insurances.

FIRE AND LIVE. INSURANCES against FIRE granted at Current Rates. Considerable Reduc

tion in Premia for LIFE Insurance in China. MEYER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, June 2, 1879.

OF WINTERTHUR. TNSURANCES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. MEYER & Co., Agents.

TIANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Hongkong, June 3, 1879.

TOTAL CAPITAL and Ac.) OUMULATION, 25th } Tls. 856,370 April, 1879.....)

Directors. F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

HEAD OFFICE-SHANGHAL Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries. LONDON BRANCH.

Mesars BARING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers. FULLARTON HENDERSON, Esq.,

parts of the World. Subject to a charge of 12 % for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Propies of the Underweiting Business will be

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.) NOTICE.

DOLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the nett amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary. Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premia.

NORTON & Co., Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG. GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of A China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang. Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance

granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports. NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FRES. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE.

Secretary. Hongkong, November 1, 1871. LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE,)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING. ITHE Undersigned are prepared to grant Pomores against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision. If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-

and Conditions.

posals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE INCORPOBATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720. HE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:--Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia,

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed. Life Department,

£5,000 at reduced rates.

Annual Income

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872. MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE

Policies issued for sums not exceeding

COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824. Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000 Reserve Fundupwards of £ 120,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant 3in80 Insurances at current rates.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates. MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

Special Acts of Parliament, ESTABLISHED 1809.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong I for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 GILMAN & Co.,

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

Printed and published by GRO. MURRAY BAIR, at the China Mail Office, No.

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MHÉOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s awarded the GOLD MEDAL AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION. DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:

NOW READY.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879. Volume Eighth of the

No. 2.-Vol. VIII. -OF THE-

Hongkong, November 28, 1879.

NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHIMA. By Dr. E. J. EITHL. One Volume. Svo. Price. 1.50. BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND

Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

NOTIOE.

1st January next. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents,

JAMES B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

G. FALCONER & Co.,

Hongkong, December 20, 1879. TAKASIMA COLLIERY. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., AGENTS.

THOS. G. GLOVER, East Point.

NOTICE. TN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED,

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COM-PANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, December 4, 1879.

11, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street,

are regularly filed for the inspection of Advertisers and the Public.

from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

At the "China Mall Office,

Hongkong, December 4 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Ex Anadyr. D M & Co. | 245/8, Order, 4 cases Mer-(in heart) | chandise, from London. K W 11 Messrs Kelly and Walsh, 1 case Books, from Marseilles, S P Order, 145 bags Sharp Stone, from

Agent.

TO LET. Praya East, MARINE LOT No. 65

Apply to Hongkong, December 1, 1879.

TO LET.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879. STORAGE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.4

SWISS LLOYD TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000 PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tis. 230,000 SPECIAL RESERVE FUNDTls. 206,370

8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C. Policies granted on Marine Risks to all

annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them, RUSSELL & Co.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 15, 1868. THE Undersigned, Agents for the above

£ 250,000

INSURANCE COMPANY. Incorporated by Royal Charter and

OAPITAL £2,000,000,